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SUBJECT: CANADAREPLACEMENT ON ICCS

WE UNDERSTAND FROM EXTAFF EAST ASIA DIRECTOR MOLGAT THAT DEPARTMENT CALLED IN CANADIAN EMBASSY OFFICIAL JULY 27 AND BROUGHT GOC UP TO DATE ON STATUS OF SEARCH FOR ICCS REPLACEMENT. MOLGAT SAID THE ACTING ASST. SECRETARY HUMMEL ASKED IF IN VIEW OF HOPEFUL PROSPECTS FOR HAVING FOURTH ICCS MEMBER ON BOARD BY JULY 31 IF CANADIANS WOULD BE PREPARED TO LEAVE STAY-BEHIND TEAM IN SAIGON. MOLGAT SAID GOC HAD LATER REACHED DECISION THAT THESE U.S. HOPES DID NOT MEET GOC CRITERIA FOR LEAVING STAY-BEHIND TEAM AND THAT DEPARTMENT WAS SO ADVISED. IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF JULY 30, MOLGAT GAVE PERSONAL VIEW THAT GOC MIGHT BE PREPARED TO DISPATCH SMALL TEAM BACK TO SAIGON ONCE REPLACEMENT NATION IS ON BOARD. MOLGAT ALSO REITERATED GOC OFFER TO BRIEF NEW ICCS TEAM EMBERS IN OTTAWA BEFORE THEY PROCEED TO SAIGON. MOLGAT NOTED THAT AMBASSADOR GAUVIN WOULD BE RESUMING HIS POSITION IN ATHENS WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS AND IMPLIED THAT HE MAY BE FREE TO VISIT REPLACEMENT NATIONAL CAPITAL TO BRIEF SUCCESSOR NATION ON ICCS PROCEDURES.

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